

## **Amendments to the Specification**

On page 10, please amend the second paragraph as follows:

In one embodiment, this first aspect of the invention comprises atomizing source materials and introducing the atomized source materials into an environment where they react to form multi-phase, mixed-metal particles. Suitable source materials include, without limitation, solutions for spray pyrolysis as known in the art, including for example solutions comprising one or more dissolved metals and/or metal-containing compounds. A particularly useful solution is an aqueous solution of metal salts, such as nitrates, sulfates and halides, more preferably aqueous solutions of two or more metal nitrates in concentrations of about 0.01 - 1000 milli-Molar, more preferably about 0.1 - 10 milli-Molar.

Other source materials include mixed-metal solids, such as alloy wires or powders usable as source materials for flame spraying, plasma gun atomization and other methods that create molten metal droplets or metal vapors. Source materials according to this first embodiment are mixed-metal materials comprising two or more metals in atomic ratios necessary to yield the desired composition of the final particulate materials.